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Matters of State, which hath lately hapned between his Majeſty, and his high Court of PARLIAMENT.

Firſt, His *Majeſties Demands to the Gentry of* Yorke-ſhire, *concerning the* Towne *of* Hull, *anſwered by two ſeverall parties.*

Secondly, The *humble Anſwer of thoſe, who petitioned to his* Majeſty *the thirtieth of* April, *and divers other Knights and Gentlemen of that Country.*

Thirdly, *the humble anſwer of the Gentry of the County of* Yorke.

Fourthly, A *Letter ſent from* Hull, *to the Right Worſhipfull the high Sheriffes of* York-ſhire, *together with the Gentrie of that Countie, now attending his Majeſties pleaſure at* York.

Fifthly, *The htmble Petition of the Gentrie, Miniſters, and Freeholders of the Countie Palatine of* Cheſter, *preſented to his Majeſtie at* York. 1642.

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His Majeſties demands to the Gentry of *York-Shire*, concerning the Towne of *Hull*, Anſwered by two ſeverall parties.

WEe conceive that the ſubſtance of His Majeſties propoſition unto us the 30. of *April* conſiſted in two particulars, Firſt, to know, Whether wee would defend his Majeſties Royall Perſon from violence, or no, according to our duties. Secondly, To have our advice concerning his Majeſties not being admitted into his Towne of Hull, and how his Majeſty may be vindicated in his honour for that affront, and how he may be put into the poſſeſſion of his owne.

The humble Anſwer of thoſe who Petitioned your Majeſty the 30. of *April*. and divers other Knights and Gentlemen.

May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE *ſhall be ready to defend his Majeſties perſon from violence, by all ſuch waies, as the Law and our duties bind us. And for the meanes to vindicate your Majeſties honour, and to put you into poſſeſſion of your owne, Wee conceive that the beſt advice, that we can offer unto your Majeſty is, humbly to deſire you to hearken to the*

Counſels of your Parliament, who (we aſſure our ſelves will bee careſull of your Majeſties perſon and honour, and to whom your Majeſty hath already bin pleaſed to direct a meſſage to that purpoſe.

The humble Anſwer of the Gentry of the County of *Yorke*.

ACcording to Your Majeſties Command to Your Majeſties propoſition, we profeſſe our willingneſſe, as in duty wee are bound to defend your Majeſties Sacred perſon againſt all Forraigne and Domeſtick attempts, to the uttermoſt of our power, and as our allegiance binds us, And for the keeping of your Majeſties honour, touching the buſineſſe of Hull, Your Majeſty being pleaſed to commend it to Your Parliament, the high Counſell of Your Kingdome, wee doe humbly crave pardon that wee doe not interpoſe: But foraſmuch as Your Majeſty may looke for a particular ſatisfaction at our hands, wee humbly and heartily profeſſe that wee ſhall be ready to ſerve Your Majeſty in the ſame and all other occaſions, with our lives and fortunes, as farre as your Majeſty ſhall bee pleaſed legally to enable and command us.

To the Kings most Excellent Majestie:

The humble petition of the Gentrie, Ministers and Free-Holders of the Countie Palatine of *Chester*, and of the Inquests serving at the Assizes for the body of the said Countie. Presented to his Majestie at *Yorke*, May 7. 1642.

Humbly sheweth,

THat though our heart-breaking griefes have beene many and great, through a lively apprehension of our wofull distractions, which have beene of late much encreased by this long night of your absence from your great Councell, yet we have had some surviving reliques of hope, that the sighs and grones, the teares and prayers of so many dutifull and well affected Subjects from all parts might (in time) have been accepted, and at length have proved powerfull to have melted your royall brest into compassion, and with (such a loving and pleasant violence) might have won you to embrace againe with all tendernesse, your whole Kingdom as it is at this present represented in Parliament.

But now we lament, that even those hopes appeare to us gashly, as breathing their last, having little vigour remaining in them to uphold our hearts, for our sorrowes are doubled, our feares multiplyed, by the report of your Majesties resolutions, to undertake a dangerous voyage into your Kingdome of Ireland, whereon wee look with much wonder & astonishment; far be it from you (dread Soveraigne) to blame our hearts, which (guided by the strength of Law and dutie) cannot consent to a journey so perilleus, by which your Royall Person (wherein wee challenge so great an interest, that it is no more Yours than ours) shall undergoe varietie of dangers by sea and land, wind and waters, having no difference betwixt a King and his meanest vassall.

And if God (the Guardian and preserver of Princes) shall safely waft you over, what valuable securitie can bee given us of Your life, being amongst such Popish, barbarous, and cruell Rebels as (having banished the sense of all Religion, Pietie, and Humanitie, and rejecting God, and you their King from raigning over them,) do continue to murther daily your innocent and Protestant Subjects, of all ages, sexes, and conditions, and which they would perswade the world they doe act by Your Authoritie, Approbation.

and Command, thereby heaping vengeance upon their owne heads, and rendring them uncapable and unworthy the thoughts of the least grace and favour; let Your Iustice, we beseech Your Majesty, have its proper work upon them, and your mercie upon us, by granting our most humble prayers to these particulars:

To comfort our hearts by your residing where you may with best conveniencie consult with your great Councell before you thus hazard your Person and your people.

To consider to what danger hereby you expose us to the Popish faction, when your Majestie shall leave us naked, and not put into a posture of defence, to repell the rage and attempts of the enemies to our Religion, when wee have too just cause to feare, that they do but wait for an opportunitie to bring to birth their Cruell Conceptions. And what so great advantage can they hope for, as would be this of Your absence.

To advise whether this journey would not much retard the intended reliefe for Ireland since (upon the first rumour) many who were minded to subscribe thereto, doe demur in their proceedings, and others wish they might recall what they have subscribed.

Not to deprive us at once of that poore remainder of hope we have to reap further good by the endevors of Your Parliament, whereof we shall despaire when Your Presence shall be wanting to infuse life in their Propositions and Conclusions.

To beleeve that a journey to White-Hall will be the more for Your Honour and safetie, and far more acceptable to your truest Subjects than a voyage to Ireland.

To view at our humble entreaty that part of King *Davids* story, who being resolved in person to war against his owne Rebels, acquainted the people with his intention, in these words of resolution, I will go with you my selfe also, but his best Subjects (that were ready to hazard their lives for him, would not suffer him to venture his regall Person, which was to them so perilleus) opposed him with these tearmes, *Thou shalt not go forth*: neither did *David* reject them as presumptuous, knowing that their confident expression in that particular, was the issues of their dutie and love, but gave them this mild and satisfactorie reply, (which we humbly beg may be your Majesties answer to your Parliament: Vs, and all other your good Subjects) What seemeth you best, that will we doe.

So shall we ever pray, &c.

A Letter ſent to the Right Worſhipfull the high Sheriffe, and the reſt of the County of *Yorke*, now attending his ſacred Majeſties Pleaſure.

Gentlemen,

NOw (if ever) ſtand faſt, quit your ſelves as Fathers of your Country, let it appeare before God and all the World, that truly generous blood runs in your vienes; Evidence in Gods Name, your heartieſt loyalty and deareſt affection to his moſt ſacred Majeſty. But while you remember the King, forget not the Kingdome for the Lords ſake; put not aſunder thoſe things which God hath ſo neerely joyned together, Oh conſider the Honour, the cauſe of God, the good ſucceſſe of this preſent Parliament, your lives, Lawes, Liberties, your temporall, your ſpirituall welfare lye all bleeding this day at your own feet, and earneſtly ſupplicate your beſt aſſiſtance.

Tell Vs We beſeech you; ſhall we dye and you live? Can it poſsibly goe well with you, while ill with Vs? Is it not your own cauſe and quarrell? nay, Gods and the Kings which wee maintaine? Stand you not as much intereſſed and as deeply ingaged to appear, for God and the Kings honour as we our ſelves were diſpoſed to recriminate, we could anathomize before God and man the worthleſneſſe of thoſe unreaſonable men who ſeem the great Zealots, not only for the ruine but the eccliping of the glory of this bleſſed Parliament.

But our intent onely is, to beg that at your hands which in Juſtice you dare not, and in charity, (we are ſure) ought not to deny us, and that's your help and utmoſt indeavour in this nicke of our (we had almoſt ſaid your) greateſt neceſsity. Be aſſured there was never a greater prize in your hands then at this time. In poore Hull are imbarked two of the richeſt Jewels in the world. *Gods truth*, and *Chriſtendomes Peace*: each of which in valuation far exceed a Kings Ranſome.

We delight not in a needleſſe & ſuperfluous expence of words,

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and therfore we ſhall in ſhort tel you, what wee or rather God expects this day at al your hands. *viz.* That you (and that with inſtance) petition his moſt Excellent Majeſty, to vouchſafe the influence of his Royal favour and gracious preſence to his Great Councell, the High Court of Parliament, the only way, (in humane apprehenſion) to ſtanch the bleeding wounds of *Ireland*, and diſtracted *England*.

That you now help the Lord againſt the mighty.

That with as humble boldneſſe you manifeſt your extreame unwillingneſſe to come in an hoſtile way againſt us, leaſt you bring guiltes blood upon your own heads, and kindle ſuch a fire in *England*, as wil never be quenched: Aſſure your ſelves, that without much caution and greateſt circumſpection, you may raiſe up ſuch a ſpirit as will not be conjurd down again in haſte.

Worthies, Ponder we beſeech you our preſent but ſad condition, ſet your ſelves before Gods awfull bar, make our caſe your owne.

Let your conſciences ſpeake, would you betray ſo great a truſt committed to you, by ſo great a Councell? would you that we ſhould wound through your ſides heaven and Earth? what you ſhall attempt againſt us, wil in the reflection reſult upon God, the King, the Church, the State, your ſelves; Would you to ſatisfie a good King ſet open the Gates, and with the ſame curteſie gratifie a very bad company, who ſeeke nothing leſſe then either the ſafety of his Majeſties Royall Perſon and Poſterity; or the ſecurity of his Dominions, and Liegepeople? Would you have us waſh our hands in your deareſt blood? in ſum; would you have us render you the people of the Kings wrath? Wee are confident you would not: Doe unto (according to the primordiall Law) as you would be done unto. Strike in we beſeech you effectually whilſt you have time, leſt God upon another courſe of deliverance, leaſt the honour of York-ſhire *be laid in the duſt for ever.*

Oh! give us in this great ſtreight, reall teſtimony of your affections; and you ſhall for ever have the acknowledgement of the reall obligations of all.

Your affectionate friends and humble
Servants in the port Town of *Hul.*

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